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Budget Presented, Public Hearing Scheduled

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg's city manager has presented the budget for the next fiscal year to Harrisonburg City Council.

On Tuesday, May 8, members of the public are invited to speak on the proposed budget at a public hearing that will be held at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. A public hearing must be held prior to the adoption of the budget by City Council.

The budget was presented with no unscheduled fee increases, a 2.5 percent salary increase for employees, continuing the current real estate tax rate of 85 cents per \$100 of assessed value, and a \$1 million increase in funding to city schools. To review the rest of the budget highlights, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/budget and check out the "Budget in Brief," which is a document designed to help summarize the budget.

From the budget, most of the spending decisions occur within the General Fund. The two major sources of funding for the General Fund are general property taxes and other local taxes combined, which together make up 80 percent of the fund budget.

The city operates on a fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. This year's proposed budget, which includes all funds, is just over \$259 million.

Members of the public may also submit comments on the upcoming meeting agenda through www.beheardharrisonburg.org/meetings.

To review the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget in its entirety, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/budget.

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in council chambers, 409 S. Main St. at 7:00 p.m.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

